

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 21-40 are pending in the application, with claims 21, 36, and 39 being the independent claims. Claims 8-20 are sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to claims 1-20, in the future. New claims 28-40 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

In reply to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the embodiments of **Group II**, represented by **claims 21-27**. This election is made without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other embodiments disclosed.

New Claims

Applicant seeks to add new claims 28-40, which are directed to the embodiments of Group II. The features recited in new claims 28-40 are supported throughout the specification including, for example, at Figure 3 and related text. Applicant submits that claims 28-40 are allowable.

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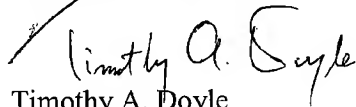
Conclusion

Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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